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Docket No. TI-29267

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural inventors are named below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **Digital Still Camera System and Method**, which:

- (a) _____ is attached hereto.
- (b) X was filed on **12/20/2000** as Serial No. **09/745,136**.
- (c) _____ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No.

_____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration;

No application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or by my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.56(a);

I hereby claim that benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 120 of any United States applications listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Serial No. 60/172,780, filed on 12/20/1999.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:



Practitioners at Customer Number: 23494

Inventor's signature:

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Date: 02/20/2001